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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TISSUE  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, please enter the following amendment and remarks into the file of the above-entitled application.

**Election/Restriction**

Applicant hereby elects to restrict the above-entitled application to the invention of claims 36 and 37, designated as Group II in the Office Action.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 36 and 37 to read as follows. A marked-up version of these claims showing additions and deletions is attached hereto.

36. (Amended) A method of using body tissue, said method comprising the steps of removing fetal tissue from a first human body by cutting fetal tissue to separate portions of the fetal tissue from other portions of the first human body and moving the separated portions of fetal tissue along

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